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# ST MARY'S PARISH

## Weekly Bulletin



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Welcome to St. Mary's.  
Visitors are always welcome. If you're looking for a new parish to call home, we would love to have you join our family.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VOCATION LIVE-IN

There will be a Vocation Live-In on the weekend of February 10 -11 at the Seminary of Christ the King in Mission, BC. Anyone wishing to enter the Seminary in the next couple of years is welcome. For more information phone 604-826-8975 or email [rector.minors@sck.ca](mailto:rector.minors@sck.ca)

### EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST

Each Friday after the 11:30am Mass there will be an Exposition of the Eucharist as follows:

**First Friday - 1 hour and Subsequent Fridays - 30 min**

### CONVENIENT E-TRANSFER DONATIONS FOR PARISHIONERS

Parishioners can now donate to St. Mary's by sending an e-transfer to "[parish.stmarygibsons@rcav.org](mailto:parish.stmarygibsons@rcav.org)." Even though the recipient's name is displayed as "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver (Sechelt)," the funds will be deposited into St. Mary's account.

### SUNDAY COFFEE

Coffee Sundays has resumed! Join us after Sunday Mass.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

We extend an invitation to all the men of our parish to join us for our first breakfast and fellowship of 2024! The time is 8:30am on Saturday, Feb 3rd, at St. Mary's church hall.

A full breakfast will be served, and the Liturgy of the Hours will be part of our get-together.

Keith Brind 604-886-4738.

## Sunday Reflection by Fr. Vincent



Bo Schembechler was the football coach of the Michigan Wolverines. It's said that Schembechler used to work his players especially hard during spring practice to see what kind of young men he had, winners or quitters. He made a sign with a slogan on it and hung it above the locker room door. The sign read like this: "Those Who Stay Will Be Champions." Of course, not everyone stayed. One morning Schembechler came to the office and looked at the sign. Underneath the words "Those Who Stay Will Be Champions," someone had written, "And those who quit will be doctors, lawyers, and captains of industry." Not everyone has what it takes to answer the call to be a champion, regardless of the field or profession. Well, you get the idea. Not everyone is cut out to play football. Not everyone will be happy as a sailor. And not everyone was called to be among Jesus' original twelve disciples. Jesus calls many, but only a few heed his summons. In most Churches, only about twenty percent of the congregation is really involved in the life of the Church. Another twenty percent are relatively faithful in worship, but can't truly be counted on for anything else. Another twenty percent are occasional attenders. And then there are about forty percent who are of the hatched, matched, and dispatched variety. That is, they are in church when they need to be baptized, married and finally buried, but they couldn't be much more nominal in their devotion. So the fact, as today's Gospel (Mark 1. 14-20) tells us, that these first disciples were willing to not only say "yes" to the Master, but also to leave their nets, their families, and follow him is no little matter.

Someone asserted that there are four reasons why people do not catch fish: (1) Some people are using the wrong bait. (2) Some people are fishing in the wrong lake, that is, they don't know where the fish are. (3) Some people have got the right bait and they're in the right lake, but they don't know how to fish. (4) Then there are some people who have the right bait, and they're in the right lake, and they know how to fish but they're just not going fishing. The Lord Jesus came not only that we might put our Faith in Him, but that we might go fishing with Him. You see, our problem is not that we have the wrong lake. The water is full of fish. The problem is not that we have the wrong bait. We have the Gospel which can hook any fish. Our problem, is one of

ignorance and apathy. There are many Christians who believe they do not know how to share the Lord Jesus, and then there are many who just don't want to go.

Years ago, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, wrote: "If all the sleeping folks will wake up, and all the lukewarm folks will fire up, and all the disgruntled folks will sweeten up, and all the discouraged folks will cheer up, and all the depressed folks will look up, and all the estranged folks will make up, and all the gossiping folks will shut up, and all the dry bones will shake up, and all the true soldiers will stand up, and all the Church members will pray up, and if the Savior of all will be lifted up... then we can have the greatest renewal this world has ever known. Amen."

### MEN'S BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

Our next gathering will include a light breakfast, the Liturgy of the Hours, and lively discussion. Please join us on Saturday, February 7th, 8:30am at St.

Mary's church hall.

Thank you, Keith Brind



### MASS SCHEDULE

Sat Vigil Mass	6:00PM
Sun	11:30AM
Wed & Fri	11:30AM

CONFESSION - 30 minutes before every Mass





## PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK IN OUR PARISH....

Cory Fortier, Mary Nguyen, Grace Wilkinson, Amy Kashani, Mercedes Link, Josie Renaldis, Helen Gillis, Sharon Hofmann.

And pray for those who care for them.

## DEAR ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER PARISHES:

Happy New Year! Registration for the 2024 Bishop Thomas Lobsinger Bursary has just opened. We are offering 14 - \$1,000 bursaries to post secondary Catholic students in British Columbia up to the age of 25.

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Christopher Chen  
State Treasurer, State Bursary Chairman  
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## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### BAPTISM:

Contact parish office. A preparation class for parents is required.

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

If you are interested in learning about or being initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Vincent or the parish office for information.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the priest at least 6 months before the date of marriage.

Premarriage course is mandatory.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

If you cannot come to Mass because of illness, please notify us or have a family member contact us that we might minister to you either at home, in the hospital, or a nursing care facility. Confidentiality issues prevent us from contacting you so it is necessary that you personally request a visit.

## MEN OF THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

In order for us as Catholic men, to fully live out what God is calling us to be and do, we must have a deep knowledge of, and relationship with Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Our lives can be transformed by encountering Him through the written word of God.

Then we may go out and share this Good News. Please join us for our delayed first session on Thursday, January 25th 7:00 - 8:30pm at St. Mary's church hall. Please bring your Bible.

Thanks, Keith Brind 604-886-4738.

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